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TITLE OF INVENTION: MIXING AND POURING APPARATUS AND VESSEL THEREFOR

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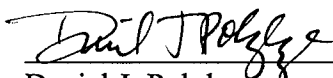
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If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2203.

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